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Applicant: Chikara URATANI et al.	Art Unit: 2833
Serial No.: 09/745,120	
Filed: December 21, 2000	Examiner: A. Gilman
<b>Title: ELECTRONIC COMPONENT, COAXIAL CONNECTOR, AND COMMUNICATION DEVICE</b>	

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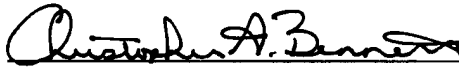
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of four (4) references cited in the enclosed Search Report issued in a corresponding French Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the French Search Report from the corresponding French Patent Application and a completed Form PTO-1449. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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